

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims replaces and supercedes all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A sealed relay for alternating current load, which controls a resistance load comprising an alternating voltage of 80 V to 300 V and a rated current of 5 to 25 A by an Ag-based contact element disposed in a closed space, wherein the Ag-based contact element consists essentially of ~~comprises~~ 4.0 to 20.0 wt. % of an iron oxide and Ag as the balance.

2. (Currently Amended) A method of increasing an endurance life of a sealed relay for alternating current load, which controls a resistance load comprising an alternating voltage of 80 V to 300 V and a rated current of 5 to 25 A, wherein an Ag-based contact element consists essentially of ~~comprises~~ 4.0 to 20.0 wt. % of an iron oxide and Ag as the balance is disposed in a closed space to control said resistance load.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) A sealed relay for alternating current load, which controls a resistance load comprising an alternating voltage of 80 V to 300 V and a rated current of 5 to 25

A by an Ag-based contact element disposed in a closed space, wherein the Ag-based contact element ~~employs an~~ ~~comprises the~~ Ag-based contact element material consisting essentially of 4.0 to 20.0 wt. % of an iron oxide, 0.1 to 2.5 wt. % of oxides of one or more selected from the group consisting of magnesium, aluminum, indium, lanthanum, cerium and samarium, and Ag as the balance according to claim 3.

5. (Currently Amended) A method of increasing an endurance life of a sealed relay for alternating current load, which controls a resistance load comprising an alternating voltage of 80 V to 300 V and a rated current of 5 to 25 A, wherein an Ag-based contact element comprising the Ag-based contact element material consists essentially of 4.0 to 20.0 wt. % of an iron oxide, 0.1 to 2.5 wt. % of oxides of one or more selected from the group consisting of magnesium, aluminum, indium, lanthanum, cerium and samarium, and Ag as the balance according to claim 3 is disposed in a closed space to control said resistance load.